

meets user profile criteria associated with a manufacturer's sample offer for a sample of a product; and

generating instructions for providing said sample of said product to said user if said main computer receives a signal transmitted over said computer network indicating said user accepts said manufacturer's sample offer;

transmitting a solicitation for feedback regarding said product from said main computer over said computer network to said network address for said user's computer.

16. (Amended) A computer network system, comprising:

a main computer, said main computer configured:

to transmit a signal prompting a user to provide profile data including identification of the user from over a computer network to a network address for the user's computer;

to transmit a manufacturer's sample offer from said main computer over said computer network to said network address for said user's computer if said user's profile data meets user profile criteria associated with a manufacturer's sample offer for a sample of a product;

to generate instructions for provide said sample of said product to said user in response to receipt of a signal transmitted over said computer network indicating said user accepts said manufacturer's sample offer; and

to transmit a solicitation for feedback regarding said product from said main computer over said computer network to said network address for said user's computer.

31. (Amended) A computer program product storing computer instructions for performing a network implemented method, said program comprising means for performing the steps of:

transmitting a signal prompting a user to provide profile data including identification of the user from a main computer over a computer network to a network address for the user's computer;

transmitting a manufacturer's sample offer from said main computer over said computer network to said network address for said user's computer if said user's profile data meets user profile criteria associated with a manufacturer's sample offer for a sample of a product; and

generating instructions for providing said sample of said product to said user if said main computer receives a signal transmitted over said computer network indicating said user accepts said manufacturer's sample offer; and

transmitting a solicitation for feedback regarding said product from said main computer over said computer network to said network address for said user's computer.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-20 and 22-37 are active in the present application; Claims 1, 16 and 31 having been amended and Claims 6 and 16 having been canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 31, 34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 31, 34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Scroggie et al, (WO 97/23828) (hereinafter referred to as "Scroggie").

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Janvier for withdrawing the rejections of Claims 31, 34 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.